



## The Lincoln School

# Lincletter

Wednesday

January 13, 2010

### CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Please join us this Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am in the library for our first LSPA meeting of the year. In addition to updates on Direct Appeal, Budget, Junior Great Books, and committee reports, we will host a representative from the ABC House this week. Kate Scanlon will make a school report and update us on playground initiatives. We look forward to seeing you! -- Our best, Bridget Stump & Linda McDonough

### CALENDAR

**Thursday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, LSPA Meeting:**  
**8:30AM in the Library**

**Monday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, No School: MLK Day**

**Saturday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pancake Breakfast:**  
**8:45-11AM**

**Wednesday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>,**  
**Early Release Day 11:30AM,**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ice Skating Party**

**Feb 15-19 Presidents' Holiday &**  
**February Winter Break**

### UPDATE FROM THE ARTROOM

Miss Costello will recycle your 2009 calendar (especially if it is Art/Architecture/Culture based), that is, if you are throwing it away. No matter if there are old notes or dental appointments/birthday parties etc. on the "days of the month." Miss Costello and the students use the images on the calendars as visual resources in the classroom. Please send your old calendar to school with your child and leave it in her mailbox or drop it off in the Art room. Thank you! Also, wrapping paper, paper towel and toilet paper tubes are always wanted for the "Recycle Art Buffet." Ask your child about the fun and exciting recycle-resource area in the Art room. The young artists can never get enough of those tubes for building, inventing and sculpting. The Lincoln Artroom website is almost complete. Hopefully, a formal launching will take place in January--stay tuned for more details. Thank you! --Sue Costello

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**FREE ONLINE HELP FOR STUDENTS--Service Offered by Winchester Public Library:** HelpNow!, powered by Brainfuse, is online tutoring offered through the Winchester Public Library. Log on to the library website databases, and students in grades 3-12 can receive LIVE help in English/Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies. The online classroom uses Instant Messenger and a whiteboard to share the messages. HelpNow also has a Writing Lab! Send your paper to a tutor and receive a constructive response within 24 hours! There are no session limits and the hours are Monday – Sunday, 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Take advantage of this special service for homework help or specific skills building! Give it a try, fill out a brief survey form in the children's room at the Winchester Public Library, and you will be entered in a raffle for Book Ends gift certificates! Deadline: February 19<sup>th</sup>.

### THANKS FROM BRIDGET BRIGADE TOY DRIVE

Thank you to all who participated in the Bridget Brigade toy drive. We had our most successful year ever! We collected over \$9,660 worth of toys and cash. The 550 toys went to Winchester Hospital, Children's Hospital of Boston, Tufts New England Medical Center Floating Hospital for Children and the Shriner's Hospital for Children. All of the cash was donated to Winchester Hospital for improvements to the decor on the pediatric inpatient unit. The Bridget Brigade toy drive was started 4 years ago by the Dobbins family to honor the memory of their daughter, Bridget Marie. With the help of a group of family and friends, it has grown substantially each year. Thank you for your generous support!

### MULTICULTURAL NETWORK

**MLK Day Celebration:** The Winchester Multicultural Network and the Family Action Network (FAN) invite all members of our community—and particularly families with children—to join in a

celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, birthday on Monday, January 18. This free event will take place from 3-5pm in Metcalf Hall at the Unitarian Church, corner of Main St. and Mystic Valley Parkway. Craft activities beginning at 3:00 and a performance by acclaimed storyteller and musician Doug Lipman will start at 4:00. The event will also feature a display of art and writing by Winchester students, a book fair, and refreshments. For information email Susan Lewis at sklfree2be@yahoo.com or call 781-729-3785.

**Building Inclusive Community:** A three-part workshop with Rev Eric Dupee on Wednesday evenings--January 20, January 27, and February 3--at 7 PM in the Meeting Room of the Winchester Public Library. Sometimes our implicit understandings of cultural norms, rules of behavior, and expectations become barriers to the inclusion of those who come with alternative cultural norms. What happens when cultures collide? How does a community maintain its boundaries and open itself to 'outsiders?' Over the course of these three meetings participants will look at culture, boundaries, and specific ways a community can become more inclusive. Rev. Dupee will draw from resources both within the Christian tradition and secular culture, and the workshop is open to anyone with a heart for building inclusive community in any context. The workshop is sponsored by the Winchester Multicultural Network and is free. For more information or to register call the Multicultural Network (781-729-7100) or email [office@wmcn.org](mailto:office@wmcn.org).

### PARENT TO PARENT

Parent to Parent will be hosting its annual "Evening With the Superintendent" on Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:30 to 9pm at Winchester High School. Please join us for a "state of our schools" report and open dialogue with Superintendent William McAlduff. Topics may include the school budget, curriculum, new programs, school building maintenance, & sports and fields.

To submit your questions beforehand, email [info@parenttoparentwinchester.org](mailto:info@parenttoparentwinchester.org).

### TUFTS LEGO WORKSHOP

A 3-hr LEGO workshop is offered on January 23rd with an Olympic theme. Students from Grades 1-6 will work to design, build, and program LEGO robots to participate in the LEGO Winter Olympics. Students will work in pairs to design and program their robots. They will have access to various craft materials and the usual robotic LEGOs. Students will share their work during the last 20 minutes of each session. Families are invited to visit as they share. **Place:** Tufts University Center for Engineering Education and Outreach. **Cost:** \$50. Details can be found at web site <http://www.ceeo.tufts.edu/Workshops-Current/workshopscurrent.html>. Contact Elissa Milto at 617-627-5888 or [elissa.milto@tufts.edu](mailto:elissa.milto@tufts.edu) for questions and registration.

### LANGUAGE BASED LEARNING DISABILITY PARENTS GROUP

The next meeting of the Language Based Learning Disability Parents Group will be Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the McCall School Library. We had 30+ parents attend our last two meetings. If you have a child with dyslexia or other language based learning disabilities, please join us for support and helpful conversation. Contact Amy Kraft [akpk1282@verizon.net](mailto:akpk1282@verizon.net) or Kim Lazarus at [kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net](mailto:kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net) for more information.

### HOTTEST TICKET IN TOWN

The Winton Club is holding its 89th annual Cabaret to benefit Winchester Hospital. The show runs from January 26-30, 2010, at Winchester Town Hall. This year's theme is "Celebration of Life." This year's cabaret will portray in song and dance the various stages of life: birth, youth, adult, and senior along with the celebrations associated with the milestones in each of these stages. Also incorporated in the theme is the constant presence of Winchester Hospital as an integral part of enhancing our well being to ensure that each of life's celebration can be enjoyed to the fullest. Winton Cabaret is a fun evening out for everyone. Best of all, you will be supporting a great cause as all show proceeds benefit Winchester Hospital. Get a group together and join the fun at "Celebration of Life." For ticket information call 781-729-5307 or go to <http://cabaret.wintonclub.org>.

### SIXSEEDS LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Don't you wish the public schools began language programs earlier? Don't just wish--sign your preschooler up for fun morning classes in Mandarin Chinese or Spanish. SixSeeds Language Academy is holding a brand new and exciting bilingual program for 3-5 year olds beginning the week of 1/18 at 600 Main Street. Chinese will be taught from 8:45AM-10:15AM and Spanish will be taught from 10:30AM-12:00PM. You can choose a 2, 3, 4 or 5-day program for your child. For more information please see our website <http://sixseeds.tv/store/>, pick up a brochure on the desk near the Lincoln School Library, or email us at [Seedlings@SixSeeds.org](mailto:Seedlings@SixSeeds.org).

### WFEE NEWS—THE TRIVIA BEE

The Buzz has BEE-gun BEE-cause the WFEE Trivia Bee is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, start working on your best bee attire, and gather a team of trivia masters. Get ahead of the competition by following the Buzzing Bee who will appear in downtown store windows between Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> – knowing where the Bee has BEEN is the key! Also back by popular demand this year will be teams of fifth graders from each school to kick off the Bee with one round of questions. Students will volunteer for the teams; if we have more than 3 volunteers per school, the final team will be chosen by lottery. Adult registration forms are available at [www.wfee.org](http://www.wfee.org). Send your registration with your tax-deductible donation (\$300 entrance fee) payable to WFEE, c/o Emily Ehl, 20 Everell Road. Friends, neighbors, and co-workers are often happy to contribute as team sponsors. Let us know if you don't want to play but are interested in sponsoring a team. Don't delay--the registration deadline is January 27<sup>th</sup>! For more information, contact Emily Ehl at 721-6440 or [e.ehl@verizon.net](mailto:e.ehl@verizon.net)

### FANSPLASH UPDATES

The Arthur Griffin Foundation for Winchester has pledged a grant of \$15,000 towards the construction of the splash park at Borggaard Beach. The Foundation will match on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to a maximum of \$15,000, any contributions of cash received by or pledged in support of the project through April 1, 2010. FANSplash is grateful for their generosity, and for their continual support of beautification projects in Winchester. You can learn more about the FANSplash project and make a secure tax-deductible donation online at [www.fansplash.org](http://www.fansplash.org). **We**

**thank our 2009 Sponsors!** Because of their help, support and encouragement, we are close to Making a Splash! We thank them for supporting FAN and our Community. We have less than \$90,000 to raise by April 1st to have a splash park installed by THIS June! We hope you will join us in reaching our goal! **Come Out of the Cold & Turn up the Heat!** The Winchester Cultural Council and The Borggaard Beach Revitalization Committee cordially invite you to a Cultural Fiesta at the Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, March 13th to help raise funds for the arts in Winchester and for the revitalization of Borggaard Beach. Brian Milauskus will Emcee the event, and live salsa music performed by the 8-piece Tequila Amigos Latin Orchestra will be sure to liven up the room! Light refreshments and a cash bar will also be available. We are pleased to announce Mr. Allan Eyden will take to the stage as our honored guest and auctioneer, and a 50/50 raffle will also be taking place throughout the night! Advance Sale Tickets will be \$25 per person, \$40 a couple or \$200 to reserve a premium table for 8. Tickets will be \$30 per person or \$50 a couple at the door. Advance tickets are available via PayPal at [www.fansplash.org](http://www.fansplash.org), at Bookends, or at Winchester Wine and Spirits. So save the date and grab your friends and colleagues and enjoy a party that will be sure to turn up the heat and make a splash!

### LINCLETTER SCHEDULE

The Lincletter is published weekly on Wednesdays with a deadline to submit news the prior Friday.

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